

# FOREST UTILIZATION RESEARCH (FUR) PROGRAM

FY 2016 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

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# IDAHO STATE STATUE TITLE 38

- **Forest, Wildlife and Range Experiment Station created in 1939**
  - Research into forestry, wildlife and range problems
- **Forest Utilization Research (FUR) Bill Passed in 1976**
  - Mechanism for funding requirements of Title 38



# FUR FUNDING

- **Quantify impacts of management decisions**
- **Advance research**
  - Forestry and Forest Products
  - Policy Analysis Group
  - Rangeland Center



# FUR PROGRAM

- **Supports Idaho Natural Resource industries**
- **Allows for leverage of additional funds from non-state sources**
- **Provides unbiased analysis of natural resource issues**



# ECONOMIC IMPACT

**Forestry, Forest Products, Livestock Forage, Hunting, Fishing, Wildlife Watching and Outdoor Recreation**

## **Idaho's \$5.4 Billion Dollar Natural Resource Industry**

Lumber Products

**\$740 million**

Other Primary Wood and Paper Products

**\$1.3 billion**

Secondary Wood and Paper Products

**\$570 million**

Forest Products Manufacturing Impacts  
on Forestry, Logging, Heavy Equipment,  
Transportation and Other Industries

**\$1.1 billion**

Rangeland Livestock Forage

**\$40 million**

Fishing

**\$450 million total expenditures**

Hunting

**\$510 million total expenditures**

Wildlife Watching

**\$450 million total expenditures**

Other Outdoor Recreation

**(Hiking, Biking, Boating, Skiing)**

**\$275 million total expenditures**



# STATEWIDE NEED

**Industry, stakeholder and CNR advisory board support CNR lead to:**

- **Measure Economic Impact**
  - Routinely
  - Consistently
  - More Sophisticated
- **Resolve Rangeland Issues**
  - Wildfire
  - Invasive Species
  - Sage-grouse



# FUR FACULTY POSITIONS

- **Forest Research Economist**
  - Provide expertise to lead economic study
  - Document the importance of forest-based enterprises
  - Benefits industry, state and private landowners
- **Rangeland Resource Management Analyst**
  - Provide analytical and informational services
  - Increase capacity of Rangeland Center
  - Focus on wildfire, invasive species and Sage-grouse
- **Forest Resource Analyst**
  - Compile and model forest resource change
  - Increase benefit to stakeholders



# GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION

## **FUR Maintenance Funding**

**\$857,900 FY16**

## **Line Item Proposal**

**\$220,900**

- **\$112,300 Forest Research Economist**
- **\$108,600 Rangeland Resource Management Analyst**

## **Total Proposal**

**\$1,078,800**





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